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PATENT APPLICATION

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Inventor: ZHANG, Geng, et al.

Docket No. 970663.CON

Prior Application: AUTOCAPTURE PACING/SENSING CONFIGURATION

Ser. No. 09/206,329

Filing Date: December 8, 1998

Examiner: G. Evanisko

Group Art Unit: 3737

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The Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D. C. 20231

CONTINUED PROSECUTION APPLICATION (CPA) UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(d)

Commissioner:

I. This is a request for a filing under the Continued Prosecution application procedure, 37 CFR 1.53(d) for a Continuation of prior complete application Serial No. 09/206,329, filed December 8, 1998.

(a) The title of the invention as originally filed is:

"AUTOCAPTURE PACING/SENSING CONFIGURATION".

(b) Name of applicant(s) as originally filed and as last amended and current correspondence address of applicant(s) is:

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The above identified application, in which no payment of issue fee, abandonment of, or termination of proceedings has occurred, is hereby expressly abandoned as of the filing date of this new application. Please use all the contents of the prior application file jacket, including the specification, drawings, and Oath or Declaration to constitute the new application and to be assigned the application number of the prior application for identification purposes.

It is understood that secrecy under 35 U.S.C. 122 is hereby waived to the extent that if information or access is available to any one of the applications in the file jacket of a 37 CFR 1.53(d) application, be it either this application or a prior application in the same file jacket, the Patent and Trademark Office may provide similar information or access to all the other applications in the same file jacket.

II. Inventorship Statement

This application discloses and claims only subject matter disclosed in the prior application whose particulars are set out above and the inventor(s) in this application is (are) the same.

The inventorship for all the claims in this application are the same.

III. Declaration

None required.

IV. Identification of Claims for Further Prosecution

The fees to be charged are to be based on the number of claims remaining as a result of the attached preliminary amendment.

V. Fee Calculation

CLAIMS FOR FEE CALCULATION

Basic Fee (Large Entity)	\$690.00
Number of independent claims, minus 3, times \$78.00	\$ 0.00
Total number of claims in excess of 20 times \$18.00	\$ 0.00
Multiple dependent claims times \$130.00	\$ 0.00
Total Filing Fee (Large Entity)	\$690.00

VI. Petition for Suspension of Prosecution for the Time Necessary to File an Amendment

No Petition is deemed necessary due to the fact that a Preliminary Amendment is attached hereto and filed concurrently herewith.

VII. Small Entity Statement

N/A.

VIII. Fee Payment Being Made At This Time

Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$690.00 to cover the filing fee on behalf of a Large Entity.

IX. Method Of Payment Of Fees

See Item VIII above.

X. Authorization To Charge Additional Fees

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees listed in 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required by this Rule 53(d) filing, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-1265. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed for that purpose.

XI. Instructions As to Overpayment

See Item X above.

XII. Priority - 35 U.S.C. 119

The present application claims the benefit of earlier filed U.S. application Serial No. 09/206,329 filed on 8 December 1998.

XIII. Relate Back - 35 U.S.C. 120

This application is a request under 37 CFR § 1.53(d) for a continued prosecution application.

XIV. Assignment

The prior application is assigned of record to Cardiac Pacemakers, Inc. with the assignment having been recorded with the U. S. Patent and Trademark Office on December 8, 1999 on Reel 9660, Frame(s) 0848.

XV. Power of Attorney

- (a) The power of attorney in the prior application is to:

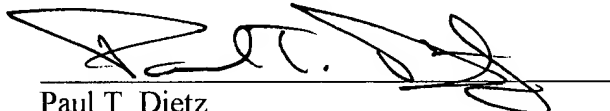
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**XVI. Conditional Petitions for Extension of Time in
Prior Application**

N/A.

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